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The story was admirably translated by the members of the cast, and the house was kept in an almost continuous state of laughter. The part of Jones was extremely well handled by Mr. Charles Vane, while the others who are deserving of special mention for good work are Mr. Thomas Sidney (Ebenezer Goodly), Mr. Douglas Vigors (Bishop of Ballarat), Miss Hilda Vaughan (Ebenezer's wife), Miss Florence Hamer (Mrs. Goodly), and Miss Lillie Forsyth (Alvina Starlight). To-night the company will stage J. M. Barrie's masterpiece "The Little Minister."

HAINAN NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

A very serious accident occurred during the Chinese New Year worship of an idol in one of the villages near Hoihow. To bring blessings to the village it was decided to shoot off a large cannon that had lain in the village temple for many years. When fired the gun exploded and killed one man outright and two or three have since died while others are under treatment in the Hoihow Mission Hospital.

In nearly every market town and certainly in all the walled towns of Hainan there are old cannon which are so destroyed by rust that it would be highly dangerous for any one to use them, and yet any foolish villagers who wish to get possession of them, and endanger the lives of many people.

We learn that the mining concession which is developing the tin mines in the Tan-chow District of Hainan, have proceeded so far that they are assured of success; and they are now planning to open a road from their mines near Nodan to a harbour near the Lan-to Light-house on the west coast of Hainan. From there they propose to run steam launches to Hoihow. As that part of Hainan has in the past been much disturbed by pirates, it is hoped that the opening of the mine will be for the benefit, not only of the mining company, but for other departments of the trade of the island.

We hear of the opening of many new schools. There is, however, danger ahead for Chinese popular education, for the village people generally say it is of no use to have village schools; for none can get degrees except those who can afford to go to the big schools opened by the officials. If popular government is to be introduced into China it should certainly begin with the village schools which have always been managed by the people where they have been located.

The Middle School at Kiangchow is the highest school in Hainan. It has heretofore been conducted as a boarding school with about two hundred resident students. The head of the school now desires to have the students board in the town and to enlarge the number in attendance to about six hundred. The "Tao-tai" on account of the difficulty of the discipline of the school objects to the change and he will have in consequence a smaller and more efficient school.

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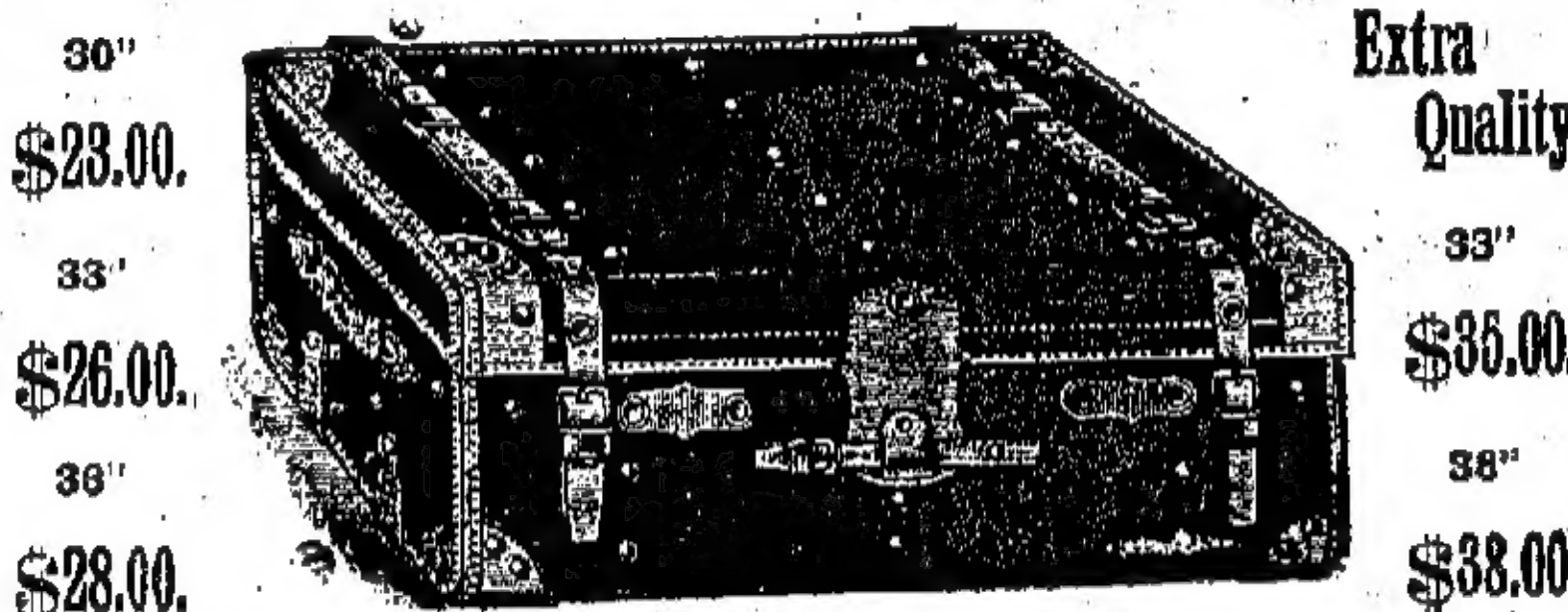
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9 p.m.—Herbert Withers Concert at

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Wednesday, March 10:—

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong and

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Thursday, March 11:—

8.45 p.m.—Meeting of Institution of En-

gineers & Shipbuilders of Hongkong,

at Engineers Institute Rooms.

Monday, March 15:—

9 p.m.—Military Band Concert at City

Hall.

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The China Mail

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1909.

HYSTERIA.

This was when the Englishman was

credited with being the most stolid of

mortals, a man of deliberate speech and

sober commonsense, whose cumbersome

mental processes were of the slowest and

therefore very expediting to more

volatile people. Indeed, it was matter

for no small national pride that our

traditional imperturbability drove more

quick-witted nations to fury. But all

these illusions concerning our character

were rudely sent overboard on

"Mafeking Night," while the antics

of the suffragettes, and all the anti-

this and anti-that movements which

characterize English public life at

the present moment, but confirm the

truth of the observation that in the

opening decade of the 20th century we

have temporarily lost our historic mental

ease and are victims of ever-recurring

attacks of gestic hysteria. About a

month ago Reuter telegraphed that the

town had gone mad over a melodrama

entitled "An Englishman's Home,"

which we were told sought to bring

before English eyes the unpreparedness

of the country to meet a foreign invader.

Subsequent telegrams conveyed the news

that the newspapers taking advantage

of the excitement advocated the station-

ing of recruiting officers at the theatre

doors to enrol men for the Territorial

Army while their brains were still afire

with the spectacle displayed upon the

boards; further, that the London Scot-

tish had made a recruiting march

through London when large crowds

gave them an enthusiastic welcome; and

that Lord Lucas, in a speech, said that

the territorial forces were now recruiting

from 200 to 300 daily, with the result,

as Reuter announced last night,

within a month London has headed the

recruiting list. Hysteria, blind hysteria!

And what was the play which set

this wave of false emotionalism upon its

mad career? From a paper to hand by

yesterday's mail we cull the fol-

lowing:—

The new play is a drama of the grim

realities of war, not of its pomp and

circumstance. The scene is laid in the

playroom of Mr Brown's house, "Myrtle

Villa," at Wickham in Essex.

Here we are introduced to a motley

crew of men and maidens whose sole

interests lie in football and other sports.

For some years he was employed by Messrs.

David Sassoon and Sons, of Hongkong, as

their agent at Chefoo, Newham, and

other Chinese ports, but some time back

he established himself at Singapore as an

exchange and bill broker. His wife died

last year, and his two sons, one a barrister,

and the other, a civil engineer, are both at

Shanghai.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

A native woman who was found in

unlawful possession of opium was fined

870, at the Magistracy this morning.

Alexander Gillan, an unemployed sea-

man, of America, was fined \$15, by Mr

J. E. Wood, at the Magistracy, to-day, for

assaulting a motor-man on a tramcar.

A Macao Chinaman was fined \$10 at the

Magistracy, this morning, by Mr J. H.

Kemp, for unlawfully occupying part of the

premises at 34, Robinson Road.

Two Europeans, who did not appear at

the Magistracy, to-day, to answer a sum-

mons of behaving in a noisy and disorderly

manner in Pedder Street, had their bail of

\$20 each exonerated.

THE SPITTING NUISANCE.

It is interesting to note that those re-

sponsible have taken the hint given by the

China Mail with regard to the spittoon,

which have just been provided at the

Magistracy, being several feet away from

the notices informing persons where to

expectorate and they have been re-

moved, but after a fair trial it may con-

fidently be said that "the latter stage

is worse than the first." It is quite

true that the Chinese in particular have

complained with the request of the Gov-

ernment and expected in the receipt-

of the receptacles for the purpose with the

result that the receptacles of the court-yard

are much cleaner. So far so good, but it can

hardly be said that under the present

arrangement the danger and unsightliness

of the evil has been remedied. On the other

hand it seems to have been counteracted,

for, without going into details, it was pos-

sible before to pass by without a shudder but

it is impossible to say the same regarding

the receptacles now provided. A move in

the right direction would be to have them

covered in so as to, as far as possible, hide

the evil which it is meant to remedy.

WHY impose upon yourself nauseating

remedies (so-called) when there is

something better and yet delicious in taste?

OPIMUM FARM AT SINGAPORE.

GOVERNMENT ASSUMES CONTROL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
SINGAPORE, March 2.

Owing to the opium farmer having fallen in arrears in payments, the Government has taken over the control of the opium farm in Singapore.

VICTIMS OF THE BOXER RISING HONOURED.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, March 1.

The Prince Regent has ordered that a temple be built in commemoration of Hui Keng-cheng and other officials who condemned the Boxers and afterwards fell victims during the rebellion. It is ordered that sacrifices be offered at the altar of this temple twice a year by the chief official of the locality.

VICEROY EXONERATED.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, March 1.

Prince Tsai Tso and Censor Chao Ping-lun, who were directed to investigate the alleged corruption of Viceroy Yang Shih-shang, of Chih-li, have reported that no proof can be found.

BOARD OF COMMUNICATIONS.

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(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, March 1.

Chu Shih-chang has again begged that his appointment as President of the Board of Communications be cancelled on the ground that he is suffering from trouble with his legs.

The Prince Regent, however, while directing Chang Chih-tung to convey his regrets to the sick official, reiterates his determination not to cancel the appointment.

POST RECOMMENDED TO BE ABOLISHED.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, March 1.

Li Liang-lin, acting President of the Board of Communications, recommends that the post of Superintendent of the Railway Department be abolished.

CHIENTAO.

JAPANESE TO HAVE EXTRA-TERRITORIAL RIGHTS.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, March 1.

The Chientao question has been settled. It is agreed that the district belongs to China, but that the Japanese and Koreans residing therein shall be subject to the jurisdiction of Japanese officials.

[Note:—Colonel Saito is reported as recalling a fact which becomes familiar enough after a moment's reflection, namely, that prior to the recent War, Chientao was a region of which the world had no cognizance whatever, the name being altogether unfamiliar. A few traders, however, knew about its existence, and used to supply its wants by a singularly circuitous route, namely, by sending goods to Newchwang whence they were transported to Kium, and thence to Chientao. During the War, however, Chiongyin, which lies on the northeast coast of Korea and is the nearest point of the seaboard to the Chientao border, had been joined with Huiyong by a temporary railway, and at the latter place the headquarters of a brigade had been established, while Chiongyin itself was opened to foreign trade. The result has been that Chientao's commercial centre of gravity has been shifted completely eastward, and the business of supplying the inhabitants' wants has fallen into the hands of Japanese utilizing the new route. Houses have been built here and along the line of railway, and quite a flourishing little settlement of Japanese exist at Huiyong.—Japan Mail.]

A private meeting of the London Chamber of Commerce is held to consider the question of representations to the Foreign Office in view of proposals now before the French Parliamentary Customs Committee to increase the rates of duty on many goods in which British traders are interested.

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SHAUKIWAN SLAUGHTER HOUSE.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon, correspondence relating to the proposed Shaukiwau slaughter house was read.

The Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt intimated:—I think the Government should erect a slaughter house.

Mr. A. Skelton Hooper intimated:—What would a new slaughter house cost? What changes would the Government make for its use?

Mr. Lau Chi Pak also intimated:—The place is growing, and a slaughter house is necessary.

The Head of the Sanitary Department intimated:—The Hon. Director of Public Works estimated the cost in 1901 at \$10,000. As we do not now wish to slaughter cattle there a smaller building costing less would probably be sufficient. The charges would be as in the other slaughter houses, 20 cents for a small pig, and 40 cents for a large one.

SHERIFF CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT.

Wong Chuen Man, formerly employed as a sheriff by Augustus Raphael Marty, was placed in the dock at the Criminal Sessions, before His Lordship the Chief Justice (Sir Francis Figgott), to-day on charges of embezzling sums of \$441.50, \$580.50, and \$280.

The Attorney General (the Hon. Mr. W. Rees-Davies), instructed by Mr. Bowley, appeared to prosecute, and Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. X. D'Almada e Castro (Messrs D'Almada and Smith) defended.

The following were empanelled as the jury:—Messrs E. Gaster (foreman), E. Howard, A. M. de Lourdes Soares, B. H. S. Summers, D. Gow, F. Eason, and H. E. Desborough.

The Attorney General, in outlining the facts of the case, said Mr. Marty was a merchant resident at Haiphong, and carried on business also in Hongkong. He owned a line of steamers which ran regularly between Haiphong and Hongkong, and which brought a large number of live pigs to Hongkong for Chinese dealers. Mr. Marty employed a comprador in Hongkong, part of whose duty it was to collect all freight earned by the steamers in respect of the pigs. After detailing the business methods employed, the Attorney General said the defendant was employed as a sheriff to collect the freight bills, and it was his duty also to pay over all sums collected by him to the consignor as soon as possible after collection. But in regard to this particular transaction the comprador did not scrutinize the sheriff's books until the end of the Chinese year—January 20. The amounts mentioned in the charges were clearly shown as having been paid prisoner by the Hop Ng Loong Firm, and his receipts appeared in their books in respect of the amounts received. On Jan. 20th the comprador saw from his books that defendant had not accounted for a number of receipts from the firm named, and he therefore drew the sheriff's attention to the fact and requested him to collect the amounts. Prisoner went out presumably to do this, but returned later in the day alleging he had been robbed of the money. He said his pocket had been cut and the money stolen from him on his way back to the office. The comprador thereupon gave information to the police, and enquiries subsequently made at the Hop Ng Loong Firm brought out the fact that only a sum of \$280 had been paid to prisoner that day. A serious defence was suggested before the magistrate; that it was not the duty of the sheriff to hand over the money until the end of the Chinese year, and consequently, inasmuch as the demand had been made on January 20th and not January 21st, there had been no wrongful conversion. That was the theory put forward.

Sir Henry Berkeley—It is not a theory; it is the truth. That was the agreement. The Attorney General, proceeding, said it would be proved that the money had been received and not accounted for, and the comprador would say that although the money must be paid before the end of the Chinese year, the proper course was to have paid the money as soon as received. In any event, it would be for the jury to say how far they believed the version of robbery.

Evidence was then heard. In a discussion between counsel and His Lordship, the latter said the comprador had admitted that as long as the prisoner paid the money by the end of the Chinese year it did not matter.

His Lordship—Can he pay it into the bank? The Attorney General—Clearly, I should think. His Lordship—Then that alters the whole case. The Attorney General—Well, my lord, it establishes a most serious state of things. His Lordship—If this man could have paid the money into the bank there is no robbery by him.

The Attorney General—The fact that he told the comprador of the collection and the robbery shows that he did falsify account for the money. His Lordship—I should put it this way, that his statement shows that the bailment was at an end.

Sir Henry Berkeley, addressing the jury, characterised the charge as an extremely harsh proceeding and one that was altogether unnecessary. It was absurd to argue that the specific coins collected should be handed over to the comprador, seeing that he was allowed to hold the money until the end of the Chinese year. His Lordship directed the jury to acquit prisoner on the embezzlement charges, holding that he was the servant of the comprador, and not Mr. Marty.

On the charges of larceny the jury found that he was not guilty, because he was distinctly given permission by the comprador, his employer, to use the money entrusted to him as he wished up to a certain date. His Lordship discharged the prisoner, and said he hoped the police would seriously consider the advisability of taking up all cases of embezzlement simply because a crime had been committed.

TOBACCO FIRM SUE.

Mr. R. D. Harvey, local manager of the British American Tobacco Co., Ltd., sued Kan Yik Kai, partner and manager of the Chinese Tobacco Co., of the junction of Russell Street and Matheson Street, at the Magistrate's court this afternoon, before Mr. J. H. Kemp, on four charges of falsely applying on packets of cigarettes, marks so nearly resembling the Trade Marks of the British American Tobacco Co., Ltd., as to be calculated to deceive and with having the same exposed for sale. The case was remanded.

THE CONDUCT OF SANITARY BOARD OFFICERS.

Correspondence was read at the meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon relative to the conduct of Sanitary Board officers.

Mr. A. Skelton Hooper intimated:—I am sure the Board does not desire to have the right to appoint any officer of the department; but I certainly think that, as His Excellency the Governor by his instructions ordered all complaints against officers to be laid before the Board, it is clearly within the right of the Board to review the complaint and any judgment passed thereon by the Head of the Sanitary Department, to do which effectually and judiciously the evidence on which the Head of the Sanitary Department acted should accompany the complaint. The Board would then be in a position to confirm the action taken by the Head of the Sanitary Department or to recommend to His Excellency the Governor to take other steps in the matter. I agree that in the first case the Board should consider the matter confidentially but this should be after investigation by the Head of the Sanitary Department and before he has given judgment thereon, otherwise he would be prejudiced if the Board differed from him, and he would be placed in a false position having to give a vote on a question which he had previously dealt with.

COMPANY REPORTS.

Union Waterboat Co. Ltd.

The report of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., for presentation to the shareholders at the fourth ordinary annual meeting to be held at the company's offices, at 3 p.m., on Monday, March 8, states:—The general managers have now the pleasure to submit their annual report and statement of the company's accounts made up to 31st December, 1908. The net profits for that period, including \$111.22 brought forward from last account and after allowing for consulting committee and auditor's fees, depreciation, had debts and loss on the sale of the old steam launch taken over from the Hongkong Steam Water Boat Co., Ltd., amount to \$29,971.31. The general managers recommend the payment of a dividend of 6 per cent, which will amount to \$16,638.80, out of the value of the waterboats and carry forward a balance of \$13,332.51 to the new account. Consulting Committee.—Since the last meeting Mr. P. J. Bishop resigned his seat on leaving the Colony and Mr. H. J. Van den Bosch and Mr. J. W. C. Bomar have joined the Committee. Auditors.—The accounts under review have been audited by Mr. H. O'D. Gordon.

The Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.

The report of the board of directors of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., to be presented at the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the company's Hotel, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturday, March 6, states:—In accordance with Section 56 of the Articles of Association, the directors now beg to submit their report for the half-year ending 31st December, 1908. The profit on working account amounted to \$42,461.49 as compared with \$30,292.45 for the corresponding period of 1907, being an increase of \$12,169.04. The profit and loss account, including the sum of \$14,639.63 brought forward from 30th June, 1908, shows a credit balance of \$54,236.40, which the directors recommend should be apportioned as follows:—To pay a dividend of 6 per cent for the half-year, \$56,000.00; To transfer to reserve and renewal account \$10,000.00; To write off furniture and fixtures \$5,500.00; To write off electric plant \$11,900.00; To carry forward to new account \$295.40; making a total of \$54,236.40. Mr. J. W. C. Bomar has been invited by the board to act for Mr. E. Osborne, on leave. Mr. Bomar's appointment requires the shareholders' confirmation. Mr. W. H. Potts retired by rotation, but offers himself for re-election. The accounts have been audited by Messrs B. U. Jeffries and A. E. Lowe, C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

YOKOHAMA'S JUBILEE.

The celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the opening of Yokohama to foreign trade is to be held on Thursday and Friday, July 1 and 2. Invitations for functions will be extended to all leading officials and citizens, both Japanese and Foreigners, not only in Japan, but in all cities and ports in the Far East, as well as the Japanese Fleet and Squadron of all Treaty Ports stationed in the Far East.

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THE HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

Singapore Editorial Comment.

Writing editorially the Singapore Free Press says:—Apparently the scheme for the establishment of a University at Hongkong is gradually materialising, and a Committee meeting was held the other day at Government House, Hongkong, under the presidency of Sir Frederick Lugard to further consider the position. The outlines of the scheme are, generally, that by the generosity of a private resident of Hongkong, Mr. Mody, the buildings now ready will be provided, whatever they may cost, in accordance with the design submitted and approved. As regards a site Sir Frederick Lugard had asked the Secretary of State to grant a specific site possessing great advantages. There only remained the question of an endowment fund, and as to that it appears that the gift of the buildings is contingent upon that endowment fund, estimated at a million dollars, being found inside a limit of time, the period mentioned being six months. If even a substantial proportion of the million dollars to be forthcoming it is hoped that the public-spirited donor will accord an extension of time. Arrangements have been made to have the Chinese community of Hongkong strongly represented on the Committee, and it is hoped that substantial support will be forthcoming from that influential and wealthy section of the Hongkong community. For after all, the bulk of the students, and the proportion is bound to increase with the extension of Western education amongst the Chinese—must belong to the Chinese nationality and would naturally be drawn not only from Hongkong but from Canton and all Southern China. The Governor of Hongkong has not spared himself in his efforts to interest all governing authorities within a wide radius in regions where there exists a considerable Chinese population. Very properly application has been made to the Imperial Government of China, for although the lower middle class of the Chinese Chinese jurisdiction yet its establishment in Hongkong, under high auspices, would be a guarantee for the maintenance of a high standard of education, and for the important provision of educational facilities for Chinese students from whatever quarter of the Chinese Empire they might come, or from what might be termed "Overseas China," throughout the East. While the Chinese Government is alive to the importance of filling its metropolitan and provincial departments with men who have had the advantage of Western education, it is not to be forgotten that that great institution, the Peking University, which has the advantage of being on the spot, must always succeed in claiming immediate attention to its requirements. Then there is the scheme of Lord William Cecil, under the aegis of the University of Oxford, for the creation of a Christian University for the Chinese. It may therefore not be very far to persuade the Imperial Government at Peking to exhibit any great enthusiasm for the Hongkong scheme. The proper tactics for the Hongkong Committee would seem to be rather to induce the Imperial Chinese Government to consider the scheme at all the Imperial Universities of the South and West, and to advise the respective Viceroys to bestow upon it such a degree of support as may seem feasible. The Government of India has also been applied to for aid, although it is not clear on what grounds that can be justified, save on the basis of the existence of a considerable Chinese population in Burma and a very much smaller Chinese population in Ceylon and other Indian coast towns. But neither the Indian Government there are such abundant facilities for education, leading up to the degree of the Presidency Universities, that it would seem to be needless to suggest a Chinese student in Burma or India proceeding to Hongkong to receive what he could get in far fuller measure, from the great instructional organisations within close reach. If a Chinese student mediated a Chinese official career he would, after his education under the Indian Government, proceed direct to Peking for such special qualifications in Chinese language and literature as might be required of him as conditional to Government employment. We can understand application being made, made to the Chinese Government, to the Chinese Government, as has been done, although Sir Frederick Lugard had not had time to hear from Sir John Anderson. It is unfortunately, no matter how willing may be many of the leading Chinese of the Chinese Settlements and the Federated Malay States to support the Hongkong University scheme, hardly the time to submit any request for subscriptions even for the very best of objects. It will be a long time before this Colony can hope to recover from recent protracted financial illness, and in any case convalescence is bound to be slow and painful. The China Association may be of help; for there are many old Hongkongites at home who, in the enjoyment of the facilities or opportunities acquired in Hongkong, may yet feel a sense of obligation towards the Colony which found them their reward. Lord Curzon, as Chancellor of Oxford University, has also been communicated with, but then again there intervenes the Oxford scheme of Lord William Cecil, which will be sure to absorb most of the support that Oxford can give to the cause of higher education in China. Even the Municipality of Shanghai has been applied to, and a cordial reply has been received. Perhaps on the whole it would not do to build too much upon the prospects of outside help, beyond what very rightly may be expected from the Viceroys of the Southern and Western provinces. Why, however, should not the Government of Hongkong persuade the Secretary of State to sanction the endowment of the University with some areas of Crown land likely to improve in value. Almost every ancient seat of learning or pursuit of old cathedral or collegiate church has originally drawn some support from pious endowments in real estate. Reference has before this been made to a scheme for tunnel communication below the Peak thus rendering available for European settlement extensive stretches of land on the south or seaward side of the

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itself to us, because it cannot be an easy

thing for a community at any given time to

provide the whole of the capital whose in-

terest is to supply the annual maintenance

of so important an institution as it is trust-

ed that the Hongkong University may in

time become. The Government of Hong-

kong not only represents the community of

to-day but the community of generations to

come. And therefore, always subject to the

desire of the generous donor, it would seem

to be reasonable to discover some mode of

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with the assent of the Secretary of State,

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able in perpetuity as an endowment for the

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ment, public spirit and generosity form a

strong and a beneficent precedent and the

future may bring forward worthy benefac-

tors to emulate Mr. Mody. The donation of

a site in itself a small thing, although we

in this Colony have not hitherto had any

reason to entertain painful associations

with the word "site." It would be a pity

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be conveyed via Bombay by the R.M.S. Arctica, due in London on the 16th April, 1909.

Passengers will be received at this Office

until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The

contents and value of all packages are

required.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 20, 1909.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

The Steamship FLINTSHIRE

will be despatched at noon on or about

FRIDAY, the 28th March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, February 23, 1909.

Notices to Consignees.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

FROM YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship Kaitang having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m., the 27th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 24, 1909.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship KLEIST

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods, with the exception of Optics, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns where delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th of March, 1909, will be subject to rent.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th of March, at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 9th of March, 1909, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELOCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 23, 1909.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

HONGKONG OFFICE.

Hongkong, February 25, 1909.

FASHION FOR THE UPPER LIP.

Almost everyone has noticed lately a tendency in the fashionable man's moustache to become diminutive and scrubby, save a London exception. But there is no occasion for consternation. No subtle hair dresser is at work among persons who delight in their appearance. Fashion has for some time decreed that the Army man's moustache should resemble a minute scrubbing brush, with dimensions scarcely exceeding those of his eyebrows, and such models for men always spread from the service to the clubs, the drawing-rooms, and finally—the street, when, of course, they cease to be models and become mere customs. So complete is the change that a careful survey of Bond street the other day only brought two commissionaires and a few taxi-cab drivers who still cling to the drooping or the "Raiser" moustache. The only extension permitted to the new moustache is a waxed spike at each end, protruding almost at right angles to the lip. One would hardly expect the feminine world to support the latest fashion for men. But there is a subtle reason which urges some women to encourage it. "A woman likes to judge a man by his mouth," said a competent authority the other day, "and if he drapes a moustache over it she fears he has something to conceal."

Notice to Consignees

TOKYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

CHUYO MARU.

The above-named steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed at once at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after Noon, on WEDNESDAY, March 3rd, 1909, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All Cargo undelivered on MONDAY, March 8th, 1909, at Noon, will be subject to rent.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's Godown on SATURDAY, March 6th, 1909, at 10 a.m.

S. SILVERSTONE, Agent.

Hongkong, February 27, 1909.

'SHIRE' LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, MIDDLESBORO AND LONDON.

THE Co.'s Steamship Glamorgan having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.'s hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 4th March, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognized.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 9 A.M. To-morrow.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, February 25, 1909.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship Silesia having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon where each Consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 9th inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees' and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 1, 1909.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER PALMA.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUZ, AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon where each Consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 9th inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees' and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 1, 1909.

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship ILLYRIA.

Captain G. Kozak, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th March, 1909, will be subject to rent.

All Broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 4th March, 1909, at 8 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, February 25, 1909.

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship ILLYRIA.

Captain B. Kozak, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th March, 1909, will be subject to rent.

All Broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 4th March, 1909, at 8 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, February 25, 1909.

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MAIN RAILWAY LINE—Semi-Weekly Express Service from Dairen to (Uman) Chum (Kwantung), in connection with Siberian Express (runs at Harbin, by a train composed of excellently equipped Sleeping and Dining Cars expressly built for the Company by the Pullman Car Co.

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STEAMSHIP SERVICE—Regular Direct Weekly Service by the fast Passenger Steamer "Kosa Maru" (2,377 tons) sailing from Dairen every Monday and from Shanghai every Friday, in connection with the South Manchurian Express and Trans-Siberian Route (International Train de Luxe).

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